

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace all prior versions of the indicated paragraphs of the specification with the following paragraphs. Please note that in the amendments to the specifications, deletions are indicated by strikethrough (e.g. ~~deletion~~) and additions to the claims are underlined (e.g. addition).

Please add the following section headings beginning on page 1, line 5:

BACKGROUND

Field of the Inventions

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Description of the Related Art

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following section heading on page 8, line 1:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please amend the following paragraphs beginning on page 8, line 5, which were first amended in the amendment filed July 15, 2009:

FIG. 1A is a schematic vertical cross-sectional view of an embodiment of an implant, illustrating threads, grooves, or vertically extending grooves on the inner surface.

FIG. 1B is a schematic vertical cross-sectional view of an embodiment of an implant, illustrating grooves on the inner surface.

FIG. 1C is a schematic vertical cross-sectional view of an embodiment of an implant, illustrating vertically extending grooves on the inner surface.

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FIG. 1D is a schematic vertical cross-sectional view of an embodiment of an implant, illustrating a dental component coupled to the implant.